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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES - INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

REF: STATE 146745; ENGLE-FULGA LETTER OF JUNE 27

1. AS DEPARTMENT AND ENGLE ARE AWARE, WRITER'S UNION HAS INFORMED U.S. THAT IT WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 1975 INTERNATIONAL WRITERS' PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY'S INFORMATION (INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED BY UNION), THIS RESULTS FROM A RECENT PARTY SECRETARIAT DECISION TO LIMIT FOREIGN TRAVEL OF ROMANIAN WRITERS TO MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN DAYS. REVISED IOWA PROGRAM OUTLINED IN STATE REFTEL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH UNION AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO "REVIEW" MATTER BUT OUTLOOK REMAINS DIM.

2. ENGLE'S LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT OF UNION OF WRITERS HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE AND SHOULD PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULATION FOR RECONSIDERATION SINCE BOTH ENGLE AND PROGRAM ARE HELD IN EXTREMELY HIGH REGARD BY INFLUTENTIAL GROUP WITHIN UNION.

3. EMBASSY INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER ONCE AGAIN AT UNION AND, IN THE CONTEXT OF OTHER EXCHANGE MATTERS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL, DURING AMBASSADORIAL CALL ON DEPUTY FORMIN GLIGA JULY 24. DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED SOONEST.

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4. NEW SUJBECT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT

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ENGLE SOONEST REGARDING PROPOSAL TO HAVE STAVROS DELIGIORGIS
VISIT HERE. UNION EXTREMELY INTERESTED HAVING DELIGIORGIS
AS A GESTURE TO RECIPROCATE IOWA COOPERATION AND HOSPITALITY
OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, UNION
UNABLE TO PAY COSTS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING ENTIRE DELIGIORGIS
FAMILY TO AND FROM ROMANIA AND INTERNAL SUPPORT COST FOR
PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. UNION HAS APPEALED TO EMBASSY FOR
ASSISTANCE. WE ARE WILLING NOMINATE DELIGIORGIS UNDER ARTICLE
III, SECTION 2 OF AGREEMENT FOR PERIOD OF HIS VISIT BUT, AS
DEPARTMENT AWARE, FINANCIAL AND HOUSING PROVISIONS ARE LIMITED
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW HIS PLAN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY.
POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DIRECT FROM ENGLE, OR VIA
CABLE, PRECISE INFORMATION REGARDING NATURE OF DELIGIORGIS
VISIT PROPOSAL INCLUDING SUGGESTED DATES AND PURPOSE.
IN ADDITION, WHAT COSTS WILL IOWA PROGRAM BEAR AND WHAT
SUPPORT IS EXPECTED FROM ROMANIANS? FYI - NEITHER UNION
NOR POST CAN ASSUME INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS.
END FYI.
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